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## SWEET TEA

**Seven-year-old Bianca Corsetti poses for a portrait at the Lieutenant Governor's Garden Party on Wednesday. For more coverage of the annual event, see metroNEWS.**

**EDUCATION**

## \$4.6M for NSCC



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Nova Scotia Community College was given its largest ever individual donation Wednesday: a \$4.6-million endowment fund from the Joyce Foundation.

"This is an absolute game-changer," said NSCC president Don Bureaux after the announcement. "For us, one of the most important things is to provide opportunities for Nova Scotians to get the skills they need to participate in the economy, and this is going to be a really helpful part of that journey to make sure they're not facing any financial barriers."

The fund will be used to give 140 students bursaries of \$1,000 every year — the first 30 of which will be available this fall — and to give 1,000 students urgent-aid bursaries of \$500 in the next five years.

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ACCIDENT

# Halifax cyclist victim of hit-and-run in T.O

Adam Excell's Chevy sat unused most days. Even in the blowing snow or pelting rain, the outdoor enthusiast would suit up and walk or bike so he could steal a few extra moments under the sky.

When Halifax was hit with a record blizzard last winter, he pulled on his hooded yellow jacket, strapped on a pair of goggles and snowboarded down historic Citadel Hill.

"He lived for that kind of thing," said lifelong friend Kevin Reid.

"The world was his playground, with limitless new sights to see and adventures to have ... you could just see the happiness radiating from him."

The 26-year-old was on his bike Saturday night, heading home from his latest camping trip in Pennsylvania, when he was struck and killed in a hit-and-run in the Yorkville area of Toronto.

Despite being an adventurer, those who knew him best say Excell was a not a risk taker.

He was wearing a helmet and had lights on at the time of the accident.

"He did everything with caution and judgment," said Reid.

"He was someone who would

bike through the hills of Ireland alone, but he would be doing it with a helmet on, flashers flashing, and wide open eyes ... He would walk through blizzards to get to work, but he had goggles on and a stove in that backpack ... just in case."

In Excell's case, the white Hyundai that hit him continued up Avenue Road and was seen taking the eastbound ramp onto Highway 401 with a damaged bumper and broken windshield.

The next day, 19-year-old Mitchell Irwin turned himself in and was charged with criminal negligence, dangerous driving and

failing to stop.

"To know Adam for five minutes, you felt like you knew him forever," said Leylah Cynanon, who started out as a co-worker but became a close friend.

He took every opportunity to get outdoors, she said, heading up to Tobermory or Algonquin Park for the weekend.

On each adventure, he would put his photography skills to use, posting online gorgeous vistas of the Maritimes, the mountains and the forest.

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“You could just see the happiness radiating from him.”

Kevin Reid

POLL

# Most Nova Scotians oppose film fund cuts



A new poll shows a majority of Nova Scotians don't support the provincial government's decision to cut funding to the film industry.

The poll by Halifax-based Corporate Research Associates says 60 per cent of those polled said they mostly oppose the reduction of funding to the industry.

And 34 per cent said they support the cuts and five per cent said they had no opinion.

The poll also found those in

401

The poll surveyed 401 Nova Scotians over the phone between May 13 and June 1, and the results are accurate within plus or minus 4.9 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

the province's urban centres, Halifax and Sydney, were more likely to oppose the cuts, and so were people in low-income households, young people and women.

# Plenty of Pride in new look and logo

LGBTQ

## Organizers say changes will help broaden event appeal

Halifax Pride Festival will look a little different this year, as the committee is making a few changes to the celebration to include more people in the community.

Halifax Pride Committee chairman Willem Blois unveiled the new Pride logo and theme "It's Your Pride" on Wednesday, saying this year the committee wants to reimagine Pride to incorporate the "uniqueness of the entire pride community."

"However you identify, whatever you choose to celebrate during pride, you will be accepted. You will be welcomed, and you will be celebrated," said Blois.

Along with the new logo and theme, this year's Pride festival will have new events added to the schedule. People can attend the Butch Pageant, screenings of films from the OUTeast Film Festival and the first annual Heritage Gathering.

The Heritage Gathering will happen immediately after the popular Dykes vs. Divas softball game, and members of the community can gather on central Gottingen Street, which will be shut down, to celebrate Pride.

"I think that a lot of people are gonna jump on board and I hope to see a lot of people out there," said Blois, adding that the heritage gathering is the event he's most excited about.

As with every year, the favourite events like softball games, dance parties and the huge Pride parade are still on.

The Festival stage will welcome Lindsay Misiner, Like a



Halifax Pride Committee Chairman Willem Blois introduces the festival's new logo at a news event at Pier 21 on Wednesday. PHOTOS: JEFF HARPER/METRO

Motorcycle and Halifax Poet Laureate El Jones. Local artist Brinleigh Mackinnon will also be performing during the festival.

Along with the line-up, theme and logo, Blois also announced the Grand Marshal of this year's festival, Kate Shewan.

Shewan said she was very honoured and excited to be named the Grand Marshal.

"It puts me in a position where I can highlight some of the challenges that we still have in the community and some of the work that really needs to continue," said Shewan.

"I think the thing I'm really looking forward is the youth experiencing their first Pride," Shewan said.

Halifax Pride Festival runs from July 16 to 26 at locations all across the city.

To find more details, as well as the festival schedule, visit halifaxpride.com.

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## + JOSH JENKINS



"Sometimes as an LGBT youth you can really feel isolated, and the community is kind of small, but there's so much love and so much support and it's really just a great thing to experience."

## + KELSEY BUTT



"I think new events are good because new events get the new people in, we always have the people that always come, they're always there, but to get more people involved is awesome."

## + BRINLEIGH MACKINNON



"I'm excited to see who shows up for it, who we reach to inspire to come into the city."

## PRIDE EVENTS NOT TO MISS

Queer Acts Theatre Festival - several events	ering (new) - July 19, 3 to 6 p.m.
Butch Pageant (NEW!) - July 18 - 10 p.m.	The Grind Dance Party - July 24 9 p.m.
Dykes vs. Divas Softball Game (a favourite) - July 19 1 to 3 p.m.	Halifax Pride Parade - July 25, 1 to 3 p.m.
First Annual Heritage Gathering (new) - July 19, 3 to 6 p.m.	Festival Stage - July 25, 3 to 6 p.m.

## CRIME

## Two men face child porn charges

Two men are facing child porn charges after recent home searches in Halifax and Dartmouth.

On Wednesday, Halifax Regional Police said investigators with the Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) searched a home in the 0-100 block of Elmwood Avenue where they arrested a man and seized computer equipment, according to a release.

Zachary Gordon Gardiner, 23, of Dartmouth is set to appear in Dartmouth provincial court on July 28 to face several charges related to child pornography, as well as invitation to sexual touching and luring of a child to facilitate sexual touching.

Early Tuesday morning, police said ICE investigators also searched another residence on Creighton Street where they arrested a suspect and seized computer equipment.

William Gordon Lewis, 65, is also set to appear in Halifax provincial court on July 28 to face child-pornography related charges. METRO

### IN BRIEF

#### Woman missing from Halifax hospital found safe

Less than a day after she was reported missing, the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) said a missing patient has been found.

Around 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jocelyn Nelson was reported missing from a Halifax hospital. Just after 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, the NSHA Central tweeted the patient had been found safe and sound and returned to the hospital. METRO

#### Police appeal to public for help with copper wire theft

Halifax police are asking for the public's help in finding the person or people responsible for stealing a spool of copper wire from city property.

Police say they were called to the MacKintosh Street Depot on Monday after workers discovered that a large spool of copper wire had been stolen from a locked storage container.

The theft was believed to have occurred between the afternoon of June 12 and Monday around 7 a.m.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police.

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# 'We're financially strong'

## BUDGET

## Mayor Savage applauds city's ability to pay off \$12M deficit



Stephanie Taylor  
Metro | Halifax

While Halifax's mayor is patting the municipality on the back for paying off its nearly \$12-million deficit, one councillor is questioning the risks involved in reallocating reserve money required to do so.

On Wednesday, the municipality's year-end financial

statements were presented to the city's audit and finance standing committee and approved to go before regional council.

City staff outlined how HRM ran an \$11.8-million deficit in 2014-15, in part due to the cost of having to clean up the Halifax Transit oil spill, but mostly as a result of the millions spent in excess of last winter's snow budget.

Although Mayor Mike Savage called the deficit unexpected, he lauded the city's ability to get out of the red through dipping into various reserve funds.

"We're financially strong as a municipality, but this has been a difficult year in large



## We hope we don't have another winter like last year, but who's to say?

Mayor Mike Savage

part because of the cost of snow and ice," he said outside council chambers Tuesday.

A report says council has already approved transferring around \$3 million in reserves, and is now seeking the green light to withdraw the remaining \$8.7 million.

However, Coun. Reg Rankin challenged the shifting around of reserve money, telling the

committee that it may look good on paper, but carries serious implications.

His concern was specifically around the proposed reallocation of \$8 million saved in a waste resources capital fund—the account dedicated to fund future projects at the Otter Lake Landfill.

"That reserve was absolutely not planned to take care of

the deficit," Rankin said after Wednesday's meeting.

He explained the decision was "extraordinary" since there was "no assignment of risk" as to what would happen if that pot of money was drained and then actually needed.

"Well, it has to come from a reserve," Savage said of the transfer of funds.

"We're not going to go out to the taxpayer and ask them to cover it. We have money put away for a specific reasons."

In moving forward, Savage says a review of the city's winter operations will be coming to council by the end of summer, and at that time will determine if snow budget increases are in fact necessary.



**IRVING SHIPYARD FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE TRUCK BLAZE** Firefighters were called to a vehicle fire Wednesday afternoon near the Irving Shipyard on North Marginal Road. Black plumes of smoke could be seen rising into the sky around 1 p.m. from a transport truck's engine and cab that were fully engulfed in flames. There has been no word of any injuries. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## DEVELOPMENT

## Sale of former Dartmouth city hall building goes through

A proposal to sell the old Dartmouth City Hall was given the green light by the city's audit and finance standing committee Tuesday.

The committee approved recommendations made in a recent staff report to sell the three-storey office building on 90 Alderney Dr. to Banner Developments Ltd, and now the decision will head to regional council.

The proposed sale of the building comes nearly a year

after it was declared a surplus to HRM, according to a staff report.

Before that, council deemed the building—which formerly housed the Dartmouth City Hall and was then used by Halifax Regional School Board for office space—unsuitable for a museum due to its structural assessment.

On Wednesday, Coun. Gloria McCluskey said the proposed sale came as "good

### + REQUEST

Coun. Gloria McCluskey did have one request, that staff would ensure the old Dartmouth crest, still located in the building, would be preserved.

news," since the surrounding area downtown would benefit from having that property redeveloped. METRO

## REPAIRS

## Macdonald Bridge taking two nights off

Halifax Harbour Bridges is warning drivers that the Macdonald Bridge will be closed for two nights this weekend.

According to a release issued Wednesday, the bridge commission will be closing the bridge to traffic on Friday and Saturday night from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

The commission says the closures are required to replace two bearings on one of the bridge piers, which is located on the approach span in

Dartmouth.

The bearings were originally installed on the bridge when it was built in 1995 and are "identified as needing to be replaced based on condition and performance," according to the release.

Typically, the bridge is only closed to traffic overnight from Sunday to Thursday for renovations related to the Big Lift.

However, the commission says this work is unrelated.

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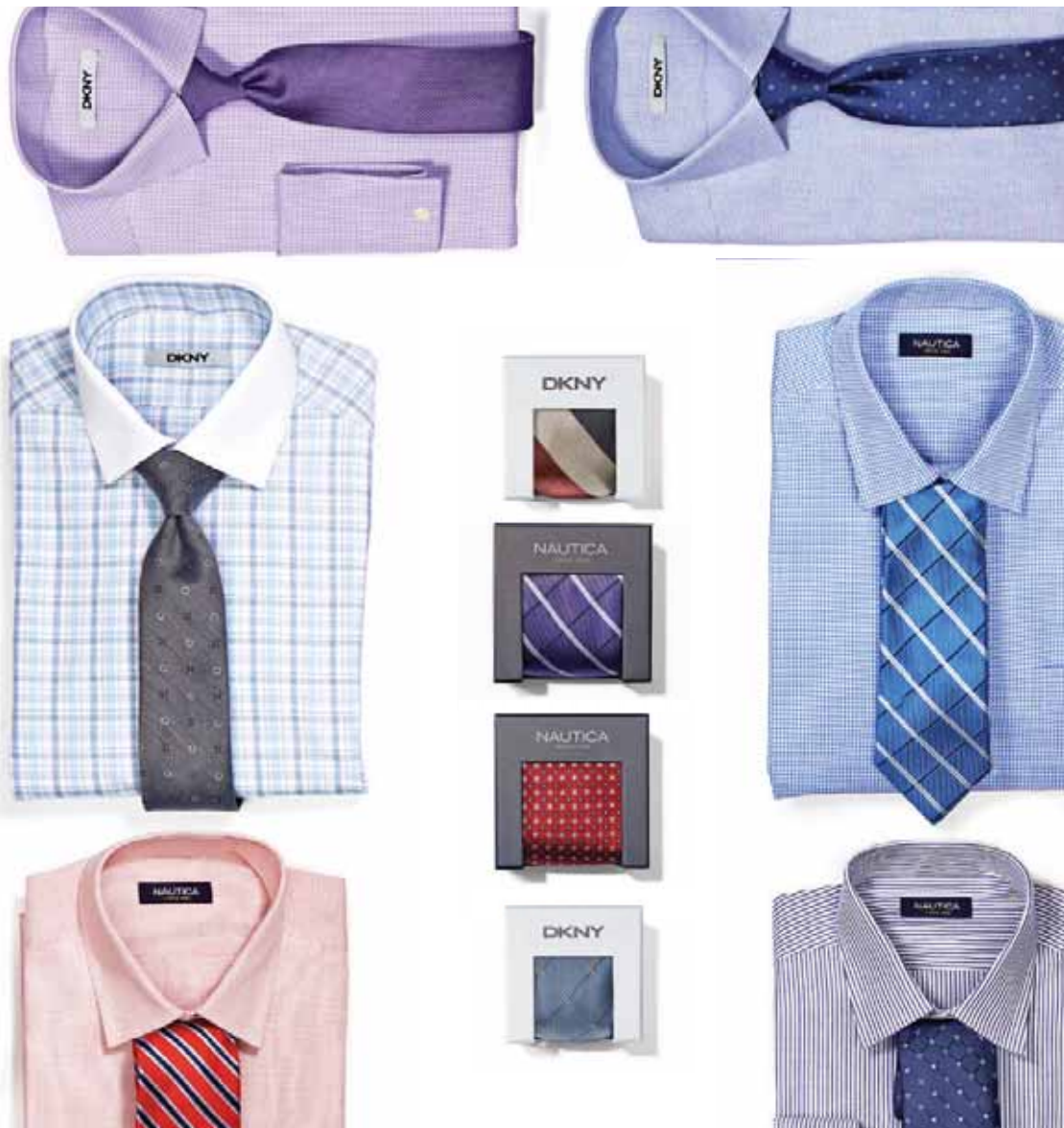
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**SHINED UP AND SEAWORTHY SEA OWL ONE BIG BIRD** Pedestrians stroll the Halifax boardwalk over lunch past a huge yacht called the Sea Owl that had just docked in port. Super yacht Sea Owl is a 62-metre displacement yacht with a steel hull and an aluminum superstructure. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# 'He felt the need to give back'

## PHILANTHROPY

**N.S. billionaire says NSCC preparing students well**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Ron Joyce wants to give away most of his money, according to his family.

The billionaire from Tatamagouche co-founded Tim Hortons in the 1970s without an education and now, through The Joyce Foundation, he's trying to give back.

His son, Grant Joyce is one of the trustees of the foundation.

"The major mandate of the foundation is to reduce financial barriers to post-secondary education for Canadian youths that are in financial need," said Joyce after the foundation's \$4.6-million donation to Nova Scotia Community College was announced Wednesday.

Joyce says this is one of the biggest donations the charity has given, and one of 10 to post-secondary institutions in



**Ron and Grant Joyce stand with NSCC president Don Bureaux and a group of students graduating this year after announcing a \$4.6 million donation from The Joyce Foundation.**  
ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

the past year.

Most of those 10 were universities, but Joyce says his family recognizes the value in a community college education.

"The community colleges



**Nova Scotia has been very good to Tim Hortons as a chain over the years. It was a very successful province.**

Ron Joyce

really do prepare their students and their graduates to be able to fill jobs that are in demand in the market place," he said. "They really are the backbone of the Canadian economy."

Joyce says they chose this community college because of the family's strong connection to his father's home province.

"Nova Scotia has been very good to Tim Hortons as a chain over the years. It was a very successful province," he said.

"He felt the need to give back to his community."

NSCC president Don Bureaux recognizes that connection between the Joyce family and the province.

"They have a very strong affinity for the province of Nova Scotia," he said.

"They're very concerned and they're very interested in seeing the province succeed."

Bureaux says the family is helping to ensure the province's continued success by investing in young people that need help getting access to post-secondary education.

"I'm so excited about the future number of students who will benefit from this gift," he said.

## EDUCATION

# Dal U charged by deal

Dalhousie University and Tesla Motors have inked an agreement for a new multi-year partnership in the hopes of advancing sustainable energy transportation, according to the school.

In a release issued Wednesday, the university boasts this is the first time a partnership has been struck between the electric car company and a Canadian university.

The school says the new five-year partnership will see the company collaborate with professor Dr. Jeff Dahn, who is touted as a lithium-ion (Li-ion) "battery pioneer," starting June 2016.

"Our research group's goal is to increase the energy density and lifetime of Li-ion batteries, so we can drive down costs in automotive and grid energy storage applications," Dahn said in the release.

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# A house built upon the rock

BACKSTAGE PASS

## Shore Club stands strong, still hopping after 69 years

Aly Thomson  
For Metro | Halifax

It's a sticky summer night, and hundreds of people are sharing a dance below fishing nets loosely draped from thick wooden beams under a pitched ceiling.

Sweaty feet slide across the maple hardwood floors as the sound of Matt Minglewood's guitar roars through the dance hall.

That happened at the Shore Club almost half a century ago. But it also happened last summer and many summers in between.

After 69 years, the family-owned Shore Club continues to be a summer destination for lobster suppers and live music.

"Generations of people have come here to claim it as their own," said Rhys Harnish, who took the helm of the club in the early 1980s after his father Roy retired.

Amazingly, not much has changed at the Hubbards landmark since it was opened by Roy and Lois Harnish on Aug. 24, 1946.

But no one seems to mind. Matt Mays' first two shows at the club this summer sold out in less than three days, prompting a third show to be added, which is now nearly sold out.

It's one of many bands this season — including the Mel-lotones, Hey Rosetta!, Rasta Gumbo and Asia and NuGruv — that will no doubt pack the house.

Harnish said that, in the beginning, the Shore Club was one of only a few places in the province staging rock shows.

"It's really how the early genesis of rock music started in Nova Scotia," said Harnish, next to the club's kitchen where tens of thousands of lobsters are cooked every season.

Constructed by five ship builders in just three months using salvaged material from a Second World War base in Debert, the wood floors and walls, nautical decor and even the glass windows are still holding up after all these years.

Nowadays, it's not unusual to see millennials clinking beers with baby boomers at the bar.

"It's sort of one of the few entertainment venues where people of all ages mix together and enjoy a show," said the 64-year-old Harnish.

Harnish's son Luke, who may eventually take over the Shore Club, said it's the welcoming atmosphere that draws a diverse crowd.

"It's a different expectation when you enter the Shore Club. It's not about impressing people. It's about relaxing and having a good time," he said.

## + TRADITION

The Shore Club's patrons aren't the only ones who appreciate its rich history and authentic Nova Scotian vibe.

Local musician Hal Bruce, who has rocked the red stage in Hubbards every year for nearly a decade, called it one of his favourite places to play.

"From the first song right until the last song, people are dancing the whole night away," said Bruce, a classic-rock connoisseur known to play for hours without breaks.

"It's not like a pub where you sit down and you chat all night long. These people are there on a mission. They want to dance and listen to some tunes."

The Stanfields lead singer and guitarist Jon Landry said the Shore Club has a retro feel that fosters live music.

"I can almost imagine my dad and his buddies jumping in a (Ford) Pinto and headed out there to listen to Matt Minglewood," said Landry, whose band is co-headlining a show July 10.

"It harkens back to when live music was a lot more prominent, so it's cool to be a little tiny part of carrying on that tradition."

“Every summer Saturday since 1946, we’ve always had a live band on stage.”

Rhys Harnish



Rhys Harnish, 64, left, and his son Luke Harnish, 31, stand in front of the Shore Club in Hubbards on Tuesday. ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Promoter 'ruined' by backlash over Octonauts show

The promoter of a live children's show featuring Octonaut characters says he is devastated by the backlash over a weekend performance.

Following last Saturday's show, a number of people lambasted the show on social media regarding the duration and number of characters involved in the Sydney matinee.

"It's just mind-boggling that this is happening. Right now my company is ruined because they are all over the place bashing it," said Marco Amati, president and director of Chilo Promotions.

"I was at the show and I didn't see anything but kids having a great time," said Amati, who insisted there was no misrepresentation in what was promoted and what was presented.

"It is a 25-minute performance, and that is because it is geared toward children between two to five years of age who have limited attention spans."

Amati explained that the show featured popular Octonauts Captain Barnacles and Kwazii, two of the eight characters from the popular British animated series. He added

that the performance included veteran children's entertainer Duncan Wells, face painting and balloon animals, along with a meet-and-greet.

Among those expressing dissatisfaction was Blair Redquest, who journeyed from the Truro area along with her husband and their daughter, Hayden.

"We were disappointed because we thought it was too short, and Hayden had the big lip going because Peso, her favourite Octonaut, wasn't there," she said.

Some of the social-media

## + REFUNDS

The promoter said there will be no refunds. He added that about 530 tickets were sold, which left him a small profit after expenses.

posts were more critical.

"Chilo promotions screwed Cape Bretoners out of hard-earned money and made all the little kids cry," opined one online poster. CAPE BRETON POST



Kwazii Kitten and Captain Barnacles Bear were at the show, though Peso Penguin was absent. BBC/BROWN BAG FILMS



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Tanya, left, and Irene D'entremont show off their fascinators on Wednesday, at the Lieutenant-Governor's Garden Party. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Fancy hats and tiny sandwiches

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE

### Lieutenant-governor hosts lavish public garden party

**Heide Pearson**  
For Metro | Halifax

I was all dolled up for a fancy party with my fake pearls and homemade Kate Middleton-style fascinator, but the Lieu-

tenant-Governor's Garden Party on Wednesday afternoon was a little more formal than I had bargained for.

A bagpiper piped everyone in through the fancy front doors. Inside, my name was announced before I shook the hands of Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant and his wife, Joan.

Then I entered the large garden full of nice flowers, with people eating small, crustless sandwiches and drinking tea.

The crowd was mostly seniors, but I guess that's expected at an event like this. However, there were a surprising number

of young people there.

"It was such a strange thing to see online — an ad for a garden party at the lieutenant-governor's house, so I was really curious," said Asher Goldstein, who was relaxing in the garden with his friend, Ana Correa.

"I am surprised at how many people who are here who are under 50," said Correa.

"Free food, free drink, a chance to dress up in nice outfits and hang around like grown-ups," said university student Stephanie Kilback.

"I love the outfits, and I love

everyone who's here, like, in uniform and the crazy hats."

Speaking of crazy headwear, there were many hats that beat out my homemade fascinator.

Tanya D'entremont and her grandmother, Irene, bought their fascinators especially for the day's garden party.

"It's nice to come out and see everybody all dressed up and mingling. It's a different aspect of life," said Tanya.

"You can meet old friends and new ones, and it's a lovely day and we're very happy to have been invited," said Irene.

To my surprise, one of the tea drinkers dressed in pearls and feathers was seven-year-old Bianca Corsetti. She got out of school for the afternoon to go to the party with her grandparents.

She said her favourite part was the outfits.

"I like them. There's lots of fancy details," said Bianca.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Garden Party is an annual event that has been happening in Halifax for more than 100 years, where the public is invited to visit the governor's



Reporter Heide Pearson takes a selfie with some of the town criers on hand for the garden party. JEFF HARPER/METRO

home and enjoy tea and other refreshments presented by professional tea servers.

There were flautists and harpists, and the Statacona Band played for the guests.

Town criers from across the province announced the arrival of the lieutenant-governor to the garden, where he thanked everyone for coming. He said

this year's party was held in honour of the 50th year of the Canadian flag.

Sadly, by the time I was ready for a little snack, all that was left of the tiny tea sandwiches were the smoked salmon rejects, so I didn't have one.

Oh well, there's always next year.

**“You don't normally see this in Canada, so I think it's a really cool thing to see a traditional English garden party in the middle of Halifax.”**

Stephanie Kilback

**“I wanted to see the garden, and I thought it would be a lovely opportunity to get to know a little bit about Halifax.”**

Ana Correa

**“I would have liked it probably just as much if it had rained, 'cause I wanted to see the inside of this mansion.”**

Asher Goldstein





Town criers from all over Nova Scotia introduce the Honourable J.J. Grant on Wednesday at the Lieutenant-Governor's Garden Party. JEFF HARPER/METRO



A member of the Stadacona Band plays for the guests. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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## Trial set for teacher charged with sex crimes

Ten days have been booked in October for the trial of a Pictou County school teacher charged with sex crimes involving students.

Defence lawyer Joel Pink made a brief appearance in Pictou Provincial Court this week during which time he entered not guilty pleas on six sex-related charges for his client, 39-year-old Carolyn Amy Hood.

Hood is charged with sexual assault, sexual interference, two

counts of luring minors over the Internet for sexual purposes and two counts of sexual exploitation of a young person.

These charges are in relation to alleged incidents involving minors from June to September 2013. She was arrested in January 2014 following an 11-week police investigation following a complaint received from Thorburn Consolidated School.

She pleaded not guilty to breach charges from June 2014

### STARTING DATE

The provincial court trial will begin in the afternoon of Oct. 19 and continue to Oct. 30.

during an earlier court appearance. Court records allege that she breached a court order by possessing a cellular device for communication, not reporting to RCMP when she changed her

place of residence and not attending for the purpose of identification for personal fact.

The charges were laid in connection with the alleged incidents between January and April 2014. Pink asked that these charges track along to the October date, but they will not be part of the trial. He said a separate trial date might be needed for these charges, but couldn't say more at this time.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS



Codey Reginald Hennigar is taken from court in Dartmouth, N.S. on Friday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## House fire homicide case delayed

### ASSESSMENT

### Accused triple murderer due back in court next month

A man charged in the deaths of three people in a house fire in the Halifax area had his case rescheduled on Wednesday to give the Crown time to work out the details for a second psychiatric assessment of the accused.

Codey Reginald Hennigar was charged with three counts of second-degree murder after the remains of three people were found in a home in January.

The remains of 81-year-old Clifford William Ward,

### DECISION

The Crown says the court date in July will determine how much time is needed to do the second assessment.

74-year-old Ida Raye Ward and 54-year-old Mildred Ann Ward were found in a rural home about 25 kilometres northeast of Halifax's airport in January.

Police haven't discussed the relationships between the deceased and the accused, citing the federal Privacy Act.

Hennigar's case was adjourned until July 9 in Dartmouth provincial court.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Money stolen from donation box at N.S. SPCA

Staff was feeling pretty happy about a successful open house at a Nova Scotia SPCA last weekend until an upsetting incident occurred on Tuesday morning.

A person or persons broke into the Yarmouth facility and stole money from the donation box and hundreds of dollars from a cash box.

The security company for the shelter called supervisor Sarah Burke around 4 a.m. after the alarm was triggered. "I shut off the

alarm and I noticed that the change from the donation box was all over the floor and the paperwork from the desk was all over the place," she said.

Burke says the stolen funds will be missed considerably. "It would have helped with a lot of medical payments.... spaying, neutering." Luckily all the animals are okay. Obviously they weren't the mission, she added.

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## AG report targets industries

### AUDIT

### Province must improve safety, aid programs, says Pickup

Nova Scotia's auditor general says the province can't adequately monitor fish farms and is calling on the government to improve its ability to identify outbreaks of disease in the industry.

Michael Pickup says in a report released Wednesday that the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture follows its policies in issuing licences, leases and renewals.

But he says the department relies on the federal government or companies to volunteer information about disease outbreaks.

The findings are in the auditor general's latest report to the legislature, which says the Department of Health and Wellness also doesn't know if prevention and treatment programs for problem gamblers work.

"Many Nova Scotians who need help with problems related to their gambling do not reach out to provincial services," Pickup said in a statement. "Health and Wellness needs to figure out why this is and focus on getting more of those people to look for help."

Pickup looked at government procurement policies too, determining that while the government generally follows its rules on buying professional services in the six departments that were audited, it needs to ensure what it purchases has been properly approved.



Auditor general Michael Pickup has called on the government to improve its ability to identify disease within the fishing industry. The report also criticizes the province's capacity to help Nova Scotians cope with gambling addiction. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### + GAMBLING ADDICTION PROGRAMS

#### Initiatives falling short

The auditor general said the latest estimates show about 7,000 people in Nova Scotia experience harm due to excessive gambling, while another 12,000 were at risk of developing problems. The report also says standards for programs

aimed at preventing problem gambling began in 2008 and still weren't complete by the date of the audit.

In addition, a help line for problem gambling sometimes responds slowly to callers and doesn't follow up in some cases, Pickup said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Eleven Halifax officers receive promotions

Halifax police celebrated promotions for 11 of their own on Wednesday.

Police said a group of officers — 10 men and one woman — were promoted to the rank of sergeant during a ceremony held at city hall Wednesday morning.

"These officers have applied for, competed for, received and accepted the challenge of taking on the responsibility that comes with a higher rank," Chief Jean-Michel Blais said in a release issued later that day.

"They have worked hard, dedicated themselves to (Halifax Regional Police) and our community and earned their promotion. We're very proud of them and congratulate them on this important milestone in their policing careers."

Police said the new promotions will help fill some of the force's current vacancies.

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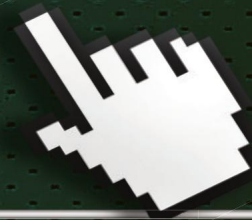
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## Public gets say on plane noise

### AIRPORTS

### Residents under flight paths to be consulted

The federal government wants to give people living under flight paths the chance to have their voices heard over the din of passing aircraft.

Residents in affected communities will now be included in consultations and deliberations about shifting flight paths at major airports.

The new rules went into effect on Wednesday.

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt said she expects every airport in the country to follow the spirit and intent of the new rules when they make decisions about the routes planes fly, whether it's a change to flight paths to To-

ronto Pearson International, or to the smaller Billy Bishop Airport on Toronto Island.

"We expect that you're going to implement this protocol so we can avoid the disaster that has happened with the implementation of new flight routes in the Toronto Pearson area," Raitt told reporters in Ottawa.

She said many residents who live under those flight paths have been frustrated that their voices weren't heard when changes were made in the past.

Previously, airports only had to ask for input from anyone living within 10 nautical miles — about 18 kilometres — of an airport.

If anyone farther away had issues, there was little they could do, which has frustrated many residents affected by airport noise.

The federal government could only shift a flight path if there was a safety problem,



**We expect ... to implement this protocol so we can avoid the disaster that has happened with ... new flight routes in the Toronto Pearson area.**

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt

and Nav Canada, the private body charged with navigating all flights in Canadian airspace, didn't have to consult the public on changes, she said.

When Raitt was asked what would happen if airports didn't follow the new rules, she said residents should call her directly, "and we'll have a conversation with the airports."

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Transport Minister Lisa Raitt. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### AIRPORT SECURITY

## Turban rules lifted

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt says there's no need to reimpose a rule that required passengers to remove religious headgear when going through airport security.

Raitt says the agency charged with screening travellers at airports has other tools at its disposal to ensure safety without requiring passengers such as Sikhs to remove their turbans.

Raitt says department officials are reviewing the policy to see if there is a way to enact the rule anew in a non-discriminatory way.

On Tuesday, Raitt struck down her department's April decision to implement the rule but only for flights within Canada.

The decision came hours after the World Sikh Organization of Canada condemned the policy as discriminatory because it required Sikhs to remove their turbans, which their religion requires them to wear.

Raitt says she learned of the policy about two weeks ago after caucus colleagues raised concerns they had heard from Sikh travellers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Grizzly attack barely avoidable, officer says

A woman who surprised a grizzly bear in the mountains near Horsefly, B.C., likely could not have prevented the attack, a conservation officer says. Len Butler says the incident Friday was a chance encounter between the woman in her mid-20s and a young bear that probably lunged in self-defence.

Butler says the woman and a companion, both from nearby Williams Lake, were hiking mid-afternoon when they emerged on a knoll from a meadow.

He says the bear came up the hill at about the same moment and then took the path of least resistance, biting and breaking the woman's arm before running off into the trees.

The pair hiked about an hour back down the mountain and drove two hours to the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, B.C., where her injury was treated.

Butler said surprise attacks are fairly common across the province but hikers can sometimes avoid injury by using bear spray. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### PUBLIC INDECENCY

## Stripped of their travel rights

A brother and sister from Saskatchewan say they are "deeply sorry" for taking off their clothes on top of a sacred mountain in Malaysia.

Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have released a statement saying they did not mean offence and were unaware of the spiritual significance of Mount Kinabalu.

"The contents of our hearts and everything else that was laid bare during our summit experience were a reflection of the exuberance and joy we felt for our achievement of climbing the tallest peak in Southeast Asia," the statement says. "There was absolutely no ill intent."

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped and took photos on the mountain on May 30. A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful and caused an earthquake a few days later that killed 18 climbers.

The Canadians, along with Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins, spent three days in jail before pleading guilty to public indecency. They were fined about \$1,600 each and deported.

The Petersens arrived back in Saskatchewan over the weekend. A person who answered the phone at their parents' home in Wood Mountain, southwest of Regina, declined comment. Lindsey Petersen, a University



Lindsey Petersen, left, and Dutch national Dylan Snel arrive at court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

of Regina engineering graduate, had detailed his travels in Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

"This is an experience that

we have learned from and will never forget," the siblings say in the statement, which ends with a quote from Mark Twain: "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society."

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### AIR QUALITY

## Group warns about kitchen cleansers

Half an hour of kitchen clean-up using common household cleansers, wipes and sprays dramatically boosts harmful indoor air pollution, according to a study by an environmental advocacy group.

Concentrations of volatile organic compounds more than doubled in nine homes during the experiment by Environmental Defence, while the concentration of airborne pollutants in 12 of the total 14 households involved was above the level that some foreign jurisdictions consider safe.

Volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, can cause irritation to the eyes, nose and throat, cause headaches, skin problems and asthma and are considered especially harmful for youngsters. Some VOCs are linked to cancer.

"We found that the most popular cleaning products in Canada really made the VOCs

much higher than some of the eco-certified products we looked at," Maggie MacDonald, the group's toxics program manager, said in an interview Wednesday.

Canada has no standards for indoor concentrations of VOCs, nor has the government issued regulations to ensure all ingredients are included on cleaning product labels.

Environmental Defence, a leading advocate in the successful push to ban bisphenol A in baby bottles and phthalates in toys, used a German standard for VOC concentrations in the air as the benchmark in its latest study.

Fourteen Ontario households had their air tested the day before the kitchen cleaning and then again for a two-hour period during and after the cleaning. Some homeowners were given popular wipes, cleansers and glass sprays to use, some used products with non-verifiable "green" claims and two used certified green products.

The results showed an average 120 per cent increase in VOC pollutants after using common cleaners, an average 100 per cent increase for unverified products and a 35 per cent increase for the certified products, which listed all their ingredients on the label. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**'The most popular cleaning products ... really made the VOCs much higher.'**

Maggie MacDonald



## SAT CONSPIRACY CASE

## Eight plead not guilty in test scam

Eight of 15 Chinese citizens indicted in a conspiracy to take college entrance exams on behalf of others or pay to have their tests taken so they could obtain student visas pleaded not guilty before a federal magistrate Wednesday.

Federal prosecutors allege they scammed tests run by Educational Testing Service and the College Board — such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or SAT — for more than \$5,000 per exam.

The alleged scheme involves tests administered in Pittsburgh and its suburbs since 2011. Some of the defendants eventually enrolled in out-of-state schools, though investigators and defence attorneys have refused to supply specifics.

Two students arraigned Wednesday were enrolled at Virginia Tech and a third is accused of having someone else take a test whose results were sent to Northeastern University.

"Mistakes were clearly made and they're probably going to end up paying for them," said defence attorney Lyle Dresbold, who represents Yue Zou, 20.

Zou and her boyfriend and co-defendant, Yudong Zhang, 21, were listed as students Wednesday on Virginia Tech's website. Zou is studying finance and Zhang general engineering at the school, where officials didn't immediately comment on their status or the test-related charges.

Zhang allegedly sent a photocopy of Zou's passport to Han Tong, 24, who's identified as a test-taker, before another woman arraigned Wednesday, Yunlin Sun, 24, took SAT and English language tests while posing as Zou, according to the indictment.

U.S. Attorney David Hickton said the investigation is just part of an ongoing investigation spurred, in part, by concerns that people from China and other Asian countries have been impersonating others, or otherwise cheating on the tests.

Attorneys for Tong, considered a central figure in the charges filed so far, and several other defendants declined comment. Robert Mielnicki, the attorney for Sun, said she "contests the allegations" but declined to elaborate. The only other attorney who spoke was Gary Gerson, who represents Gong Zhang, 23. He allegedly took an English fluency exam in 2013 for another person not named. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hunter Treschl, 16, of Colorado Springs, during an interview in hospital in Wilmington, N.C. "I started moving away. And then the shark bit my arm off." NEW HANOVER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER/AP

## U. S. teen's arm bitten off by shark

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Victim felt something bump his leg before the bite

Hunter Treschl and his cousin were "playing around in the waves" at a North Carolina beach when he felt something bump into his left calf.

"I thought it felt like a big fish, and I started moving away," Treschl said in a video released Tuesday night by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

"And then the shark bit my arm — off."

The 16-year-old from Colorado Springs, Colorado, was one of two young people attacked by sharks in North Carolina on Sunday. Both he and 12-year-old Kiersten Yow of Asheboro survived, but with serious injuries.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Shark population up around U.S.

Federal wildlife protections are helping sharks rebound, but they aren't the sole reason for the uptick in encounters between sharks and humans. Expanding human populations and growing use of beaches are major factors too, scientists say.

Recent shark attacks in North Carolina and Florida have made headlines as the summer beach-going season gets into gear. Such attacks have become more common in recent years — the Florida Museum of Natural History's

Treschl's left arm was amputated below the shoulder, according to information released by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he is being treated.

He was in good condition Tuesday, hospital spokeswoman Martha Harlan said.

A little more than an hour before Treschl was attacked and about two miles away, Yow lost her left arm below the elbow and was injured in the leg.

Authorities do not know if they were attacked by the same shark.

Yow was in stable condition Tuesday at N.C. Children's Hospital at the University of North Carolina, according to a statement from her parents, Brian and Laurie Yow.

"She has a long road to recovery that will include surgeries and rehabilitation, but her doctors at UNC expect she will keep her leg, and for that

we are grateful," they said, appealing for time to deal with the trauma privately.

Immediately after he felt the shark rip his arm off, Treschl said he was able to make it back onto the beach at Oak Island with the help of his cousin.

He said another teen had a belt that he used as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, while others "were all helping me kind of stay calm until the ambulance got there."

Asked if he ever saw the shark, Treschl said he felt it first.

"We were just playing around in the waves, and I felt a hit on my left calf," he said in the video.

"That was the first time I saw it, when it was biting up my left arm."

The paramedics said they were stunned by two calls coming so close together in just one day.

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## "He Is Not Missing. He Is Here."

The Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium contains the names of over 54,000 Commonwealth soldiers, including over 6000 Canadians, who lost their lives in the Ypres Salient during the First World War with no known grave.

Victoria Cross Winners — Frederick Fisher, Hugh McKenzie and Frederick Hall are among the Canadian names on the Menin Gate Memorial.

At the unveiling of the memorial on 24 July 1927, Field Marshall Lord Plumer ended his speech by saying "..... now it can be said of each one in whose honour we are assembled here to-day: 'He is not missing. He is here.'"

Every evening at 8:00 pm, volunteer buglers from the local fire brigade sound Last Post at the Menin Gate. This ceremony has been performed, uninterrupted, every day since 11 November 1929.

During the 2015 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, the Menin Gate will be featured in the production and will include an original music composition, set to the words of John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields," by Halifax composer Kim Sampson.

Every day at 6:00 pm from 30 June to 8 July, fifteen Canadian Cadets, dressed in Halifax Rifles ceremonial uniforms, will play the Last Post at the Cenotaph on the Grand Parade in Halifax.

On 9 July 2015, the Last Post will be played at the Menin Gate for the 30,000th time.

On 9 July at the Cenotaph on the Grand Parade in Halifax, the Last Post will be sounded at 3:00 pm, the same time the Last Post will be played at the Menin Gate in Belgium.



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#### RAMADAN MUSLIMS MARK START OF HOLY MONTH WITH FASTING AND PRAYERS

Palestinians walk near a traditional Ramadan lantern on Wednesday in Jebaliya refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip. Muslims around the world will mark the start of Ramadan on Thursday, or later in some countries, for a month of intense prayer, dawn-to-dusk fasting and nightly feasts. ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Runaway tiger mauls civilian

TBILISI, GEORGIA

## Man dead after predator escapes zoo during floods

A tiger that broke loose after severe flooding at the Tbilisi Zoo mauled a man to death in the Georgian capital before being shot by police Wednesday, a day after officials said all the zoo's tigers had died.

Zoo director Zurab Gurielidze acknowledged he was to blame for releasing faulty information. He said new counts indicated a tiger cub and a hyena could still be on the loose. The city has remained on edge, with runaway predators reportedly seen by some residents.

The Interior Ministry in the former Soviet republic said the tiger was hiding in an abandoned factory that had been turned into a construction market when he attacked the man. The victim, who worked in the market, later died of his wounds at a hospital.

"We entered the depot and, suddenly, a white tiger rushed out of an adjacent room and attacked one of the workers, jumping at his throat and mauling him," colleague Alexander Shavbulashvili told The Associated Press.

"We broke the window of another room to flee, and the sound of breaking glass must have scared it and it ran away."



An armed police officer walks near a zoo on Wednesday in Tbilisi, Georgia. SHAKH AIVAZOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police commandos rushed to the site and killed the tiger.

"It was a white tiger," Interior Minister Vakhtang Gomelauri told the Associated Press. "We wanted to sedate it, but it was very aggressive and we had to liquidate it."

Zoo spokeswoman Khatia Basilashvili couldn't immediately offer any details about the dead tiger. The zoo administration had said Tuesday that eight lions, all its seven tigers and at least two of its three jaguars and 12 of its 14 bears were killed in the flooding.

Georgia's Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili criticized zoo officials for providing false information and ordered the interior minister to personally oversee the count of how many animals have died and how many remain

missing.

After the premier's statement, the zoo director acknowledged he was to blame for the misinformation.

"We had wrong information that there were no predators outside the zoo," he said. "I take full responsibility for that."

Gurielidze said a tiger cub could also be roaming the city streets, but said he "poses no threat to people."

On Tuesday evening, several hundred demonstrators gathered outside the main government building in Tbilisi in support of the zoo director and to protest what they suspect is a government attempt to pin all the blame on him. A social media post organizing the protest said the government should resign.

The flooding, triggered by torrential rains over the weekend, killed at least 19 people, destroyed houses and tore up roads. Six people remain missing.

Zoo officials say less than half of the zoo's 600 inhabitants have survived the flooding.

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**We had wrong information that there were no predators outside the zoo ... I take full responsibility for that.**

Zoo director Zurab Gurielidze

EGYPT

## 165 pardoned ahead of holiday

Egypt's president issued a decree pardoning 165 people on Wednesday, mostly youths convicted of breaking protest laws and misdemeanors ahead of the holy month of Ramadan.

Many of the pardons issued by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi were to university students, some jailed under a draconian law that heavily punishes demonstrations staged without police permits.

The move comes amid a state-orchestrated campaign to silence dissent, where courts dispense stiff sentences against both Islamists and secular-minded

activists over charges mostly related to violence. Pardons during national and religious holidays are a tradition in Egypt.

Rights groups say many of the people were sentenced over the past two years to around three to four years of imprisonment, and that some were arrested at home or on the sidelines of protests in which they were not participating.

"It's not just the new protest law at work here, there's also a poor judiciary and lack of a credible investigative process, and some are being charged under

another 100-year-old law limiting even small assemblies," said Mohammed Zaree of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies.

The protest measure became law after the el-Sissi-led military's ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in July 2013, part of a sweeping crackdown against his supporters and other dissidents.

The clampdown, which left hundreds dead and thousands in prison, some without charges, has sparked a radical backlash and attacks against security forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY

## Deaths blamed on rotted beams

The balcony collapse that killed six college students appears to have been caused by rotted wooden beams, Berkeley's mayor said Wednesday as the victims' heartbroken loved ones began arriving in the U.S. from Ireland.

Mayor Tom Bates said investigators believe the wood was not caulked and sealed properly at the time of construction and was damaged by moisture as a result.

The crowded fifth-floor balcony broke off an apartment building during a 21st-birthday party held by visiting Irish college students Tuesday, spilling

**More than likely, it was caused by rain and water damage ... to the support beams.**

Mayor Tom Bates

13 people 50 feet onto the pavement below. In addition to the six killed, seven were seriously hurt.

Bates said it was "obviously a bad idea" for 13 people to crowd onto such a small balcony but

added that he is not blaming the victims.

Cassandra Bujarski, a spokeswoman for the apartments' property management firm, Greystar, had no comment.

Building inspectors also determined another balcony at the Library Gardens apartment complex was "structurally unsafe and presented a collapse hazard," and it ordered it demolished. Two other balconies were red-tagged, or declared off-limits, at the apartments, which were completed in 2007.

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Tom Windmuller, senior vice president at IATA, holds up an example of the group's ideal size for passenger carry-on bags during the organization's annual general meeting in June. KERRY SHERIDAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

## IATA scraps carry-on luggage plan

### TRAVEL

### Global airline group hoped to impose new size restrictions

A global airline association said Wednesday that it was scrapping its recommendation to reduce the size of carry-on bags for air travellers after an "intense" response in North America.

The International Air Transportation Association (IATA), a Montreal-headquartered trade group whose members represent nearly 85 per cent of total air traffic, said it is cancelling its proposal after "significant concerns" were raised in North America.

"This is clearly an issue that is close to the heart of travel-

lers. We need to get it right," IATA senior vice president Tom Windmuller said.

The group recommended last week that airlines require carry-on bags to be 20 per cent smaller than what major U.S. carriers currently permit, saying that would allow for more space.

A top U.S. airline group that includes the world's three largest air carriers — American, Delta and United — also formally came out against the proposal.

The current maximum carry-on size, depending on the airline, ranges from a length of 56 to 60 centimetres, a width of about 36 to 46 centimetres and a depth of 23 to 41 centimetres.

IATA insisted that was merely a recommendation, not a requirement, as each airline decides the maximum size of carry-on luggage on its own.

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### FOOD SERVICE

## Starbucks to close La Boulange cafes

Starbucks will close all of its La Boulange cafes by the end of September.

It bought the bakery chain in 2012 to address customer complaints about an uninspiring menu.

The company said there has been strong growth in food sales since the \$100 million acquisition three years ago, but that running the 23 La Boulange restaurants, which are mostly found in San Francisco, is no

longer sustainable.

Starbucks will also shutter two manufacturing plants that supplied La Boulange and an Evolution Fresh retail store in San Francisco.

La Boulange food will still be available at Starbucks in the U.S. and Canada.

Shares of Starbucks Corp. reached an all-time high of \$53.14 on Tuesday and edged higher before the opening bell Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Although Starbucks announced the closure of its 23 bakeries, La Boulange treats will still be available at Starbucks locations across the U.S. and Canada. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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#### Botox-maker purchases U.S. pharmaceutical firm

Botox maker Allergan is buying Kythera Biopharmaceuticals for \$2.1 billion, adding an injection that reduces "double chin" to its portfolio of products. The Dublin drugmaker will pay \$75 per share in a cash-and-stock deal for Kythera, based in Westlake Village, California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON ELECTORAL REFORM



**“For the first time, two of Canada’s three main parties are about to run on a commitment to do away with the first-past-the-post voting system.”**

The Liberal conversion to electoral reform is both a reflection of the party’s diminished circumstances in the House of Commons and — potentially — a watershed moment in Canadian electoral politics.

For the first time, two of Canada’s three main national parties — the NDP and the Liberals — are about to run on a commitment to do away with the first-past-the-post voting system to conduct federal elections.

They may not agree on the fine print. The New Democrats have long championed a mixed proportional system and the Liberals tend to be partial to a preferential ballot. But they are on the same general page.

On Tuesday, Justin Trudeau pledged to introduce a new voting system in time for the 2019 election.

The New Democrats have advocated a more proportional voting regimen for decades.

With the Green party on side, the blocks of a large parliamentary consensus on electoral reform are falling into place.

It took a change of heart on the Liberals’ part to bring that about.

Such a change would have been unthinkable back when the party, under Jean Chrétien, was riding high and reaping the benefits of the first-past-the-post system against a divided right.

Even after they lost power to Stephen Harper’s Conservatives a decade ago, the Liberals continued to believe that the normal swing of the pendulum would inevitably see them back in power.

Three lost elections later,

they are at least as likely to remain in third place as to form a government this fall.

Implicit in the party’s shift on electoral reform is a Liberal admission that the NDP’s competitive position is not a mere blip but rather a feature that it will have to adapt to.

In a three-way battle, the current winner-take-all system favours the Conservatives.

That conclusion is only belatedly dawning on Trudeau’s party.

It has been more than three decades since the Liberals last won a governing majority against a united Conservative party.

Even with the wind in their backs, the New Democrats would also be hard-pressed to eke out a majority in October.

Win or lose next fall, electoral reform may offer both parties the best alternative to a merger at some point down the line, and — more importantly in the big picture for each of them — their best shot at

preventing the Conservatives from becoming Canada’s de facto governing party.

Trudeau’s democratic reform package may not do much to turn the tide in his favour. Paul Martin and Michael Ignatieff tried and failed to impress voters with measures to fix the so-called democratic deficit in Parliament.

The excitement that electoral reform inspires among voters tends to be inversely proportional to the hype that surrounds the issue within the chattering class.

In the provinces where a plan for a different system was put to voters, the status quo prevailed.

But the expanding common ground between the opposition parties on electoral reform should be cause for concern for the Conservatives.

They would — at least initially — be the losers of a switch to a different electoral system. The division in the opposition vote has long been a key ingredient of their election victories.

**In a three-way battle, the current winner-takes-all system favours the Conservatives.**

It allowed Brian Mulroney to win a second majority mandate and the 1988 free trade battle.

Under Stephen Harper, a divided opposition vote has become even more essential to Conservative fortunes.

He is about to lead the party in his fourth election campaign as the incumbent with a persistent shortfall in support and precious little room to grow.

In a preferential voting system — where the second and third choices of voters are applied in each riding until a candidate reaches 50 per cent plus one — Harper’s re-election bid would be dead on arrival.

Alternatively, under a mixed proportional system, securing a majority government on a bit more than a third of the votes cast would become a thing of the past.

Coalition building would not come easily to the take-no-prisoner party that Harper has rebuilt in his image.

Should the NDP or the Liberals or a combination of both prevail next fall, they would have a common interest in following up on electoral reform.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

### The world’s believers have a moral duty to care for the earth

Pope Francis is donning a Captain Planet image — the environmental superhero taking pollution down (if not to zero).

In his most highly anticipated papal teaching to date, the Pope will today call on the world — not just Catholics like me — to act now to avoid “unprecedented destruction of the ecosystem,” based in part on a moral obligation to care for God’s creation.

It’s a claim that won’t make him any friends among the faithful who either don’t believe in climate change, or don’t buy into such a moral obligation. And for those in the environmental movement, it may seem criminally late in coming.

But Francis is far from the first — and far from alone — in arguing the environmental implications of faith.

The Dalai Lama tweeted this week that we need to “develop a sense of the oneness of humanity” in the face of climate change and global economic woes. More than 300 rabbis have signed a letter arguing for “a world of shared, sustainable abundance — eco-social justice.”

“The concept of stewardship on Earth is a shared belief” of all faiths, an imam with the Islamic Society of North America recently told Time magazine.

At the Forum on Reli-

gion and Ecology at Yale, co-founder John Grim and others have spent two decades retrieving the ecological teaching of the world’s religions — from Hinduism to indigenous faiths — and interpreting them for today.

Grim sees this as a pivotal moment — the first time a pope has been this pointed on the environment. It could even spur an interfaith environmental movement, he mused (despite inevitable pushback from the Jeb Bushes of the world).

Francis chose to be named after Francis of Assisi — known as the patron saint of ecology and revered for his love for nature and animals.

We may deem it radical for the Pope to say, as he does in a leaked draft, that the earth “is protesting for the wrong that we are doing to her, because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods that God has placed on her” — but that only shows how leaders and followers alike have ignored teachings inherent in our faith.

“The separation between religion and science has been so strong,” Grim noted.

And it’s well past time that ended.

We — the world’s six billion or so believers — are natural allies of the environmental movement. Time to take Francis’ lead, and act like it.

#### THE MICROTREND: The trouble with spring break



Spring: the season for birds chirping, flowers blooming and ... teen pregnancy? **A five-year study of 838 pregnant teens** at an Ontario hospital found a “persistent” increase in conceptions every March. March break shenanigans are the obvious culprit, but one of the researchers says teenagers who couple up early in the school year are getting “serious” by spring. Adults, on the other hand, most often get pregnant in December — a testament to the power of egg nog and holiday cheer.

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## 3 THINGS WE LEARNED ABOUT LOVE FROM AZIZ ANSARI



### DATING

#### 'Stud mentality' among guys on Tinder horrifies the comedian

Lakshmi Gandhi  
Metro in New York

Fans who have closely followed former Parks and Recreation star Aziz Ansari's stand-up career have surely noticed that the comic has taken a serious turn in recent years. Gone are the cute stories about his cousins and the monologues on basic cable dramas.

Instead, the 32-year-old NYU grad has been focused on deeper questions: What is

love? Is there such thing as a soulmate? And, most important of all, why hasn't he or she texted me back?

Co-written with sociology professor Eric Klinenberg, *Modern Romance* explores all of those questions and more, in an extensively researched journey that took the pair around the world as they assessed different dating profiles and wacky online dating messages. (Note to all of the guys out there, first messages that simply say "Yo" or "Hey" aren't particularly well received.)

We've rounded up the

#### Aziz Ansari Modern Romance



top three lessons we learned from Ansari's travels.

#### Too many choices really are overwhelming

Unlike a crowded bar, "online there are no lonely corners," the comedian writes. "Everywhere is filled with people looking to connect." Despite that, daters everywhere are constantly rejecting people.

The comedian memorably sits down with a twenty-

something named Derek who, he notes, "isn't unattractive... but wouldn't necessarily turn heads at a party." Ansari then watches in horror as Derek swipes no on several attractive, interesting women who had messaged him online. "He didn't strike me as a stud," he adds, "but wow, when you watched him comb through those profiles, he had a stud mentality."

#### Remember the person on the other end is a person

Because so much of the modern search for romantic partners occurs on our phones, it's easy to forget you are talking to a person with feelings.

Ansari is disturbed by how easy it is to completely dismiss someone—especially now as breaking up via text becomes increasingly more common.

#### The quality of your dates is more important than the quantity

Back when Ansari was single in New York a few years ago, he had something of a revelation when it came to his single status. He and his friends "were consistently choosing to meet as many people as possible instead of investing in a relationship." Because this method obviously wasn't working for him, he decided to revise his approach to looking for love.

"What I found was that a first date that was a six was usually an eight on a second date," he writes. "I knew the person better and we kept building a good rapport together."

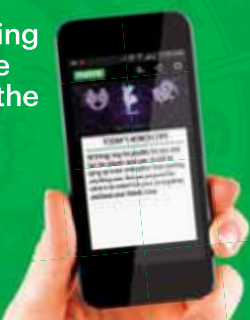
The lesson here? Maybe next time give that nice guy or girl you met online a second chance. It could change the course of your love life.

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Two of the books in the series **OMG Shakespeare**, by Brett Wright and Courtney Carbone. CONTRIBUTED

# Brevity the soul of wit?

## OMG SHAKESPEARE Book series re-tells the classics with Internet lingo

A set of books that convey the classic tales of Shakespeare via emoji-laden texts and social media updates has been drawing a strong response in recent days.

OMG Shakespeare from Random House Books for Young Readers includes two newly released titles — srsly Hamlet and YOLO Juliet — plus two others due out in early January — Macbeth #killin'it and A Midsummer Night #nofilter.

An excerpt from srsly Hamlet reads:

• Ophelia has updated her relationship status from 'In a relationship' to 'It's complicated.'

• Claudius has posted 11 new photos to the album: Here We Go a-Wassailing! — with Queen Gertrude and 10 others.

• Queen Gertrude likes this.

• Hamlet: 'It's almost midnight. LET'S DO THIS. #FOMO'

The stories, described as “the perfect gift for hip theatre lovers and teens,” have been adapted by Courtney Carbone

and Brett Wright, both children's book editors. And while the concept will no doubt appeal to some, feedback has been mitigated at best.

The Gawker Review of Books reacts, “To paraphrase the beloved poet and playwright: [inserts five smiling poop emoji],” while a much re-tweeted comment from popular Twitter user @Fred-dyAmazin reads, “Never wanted to burn a book before.”

AFF

# From class clown to world-renowned

## STAND-UP

## Judd Apatow reflects on life as a comedian in his new book

The comedy education of Judd Apatow began with unusual access to great comic minds, which he pried for straightforward instruction: How do you tell a joke?

Growing up on Long Island as a comedy nerd before there was such a thing (or many others like him), Apatow managed to land interviews with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno and Steve Allen; most of whom turned up expecting something other than a 15-year-old kid with a high school radio show.

It was a foundational beginning for what became a career that has done a lot to define comedy in the last 20

years — from The Larry Sanders Show to Freaks and Geeks, The Cable Guy and The 40 Year-Old Virgin.

In a new book, Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy, out Tuesday, Apatow, 47, returns to those high-school interviews (he kept the tapes) to publish them, as well as add new, more recent talks with many others (Louis C.K., Jon Stewart, Chris Rock). Proceeds go to Dave Eggers' 826, which provides free tutoring

and literacy programs to kids.

The conversations centre on comedy — where it comes from and how it work — but grow into more expansive and intimate reflections on life from some of the sharpest, most thoughtful minds around.

“I’m interested just in how people are surviving and trying to remain relevant as the decades go on,” says Apatow. “After success, what is the point of doing this?”



Judd Apatow's *Sick in the Head* contains interviews with renowned comedians and comedy writers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Beastie Boys win legal fees



Adam Yauch, who died in 2012, is shown performing with Mike Diamond and Adam Horowitz in 2004. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES FILE

## LICENSING

### Monster is on the line to cover costs after losing lawsuit

The maker of the Monster Energy drink must pay \$668,000 of the Beastie Boys' legal fees after the rappers chose to win at all costs in their copyright violation trial, a decision that resulted in a \$1.7 million jury verdict in their favour, a judge says.

U.S. District Judge Paul Engelmayer wrote in a ruling Monday that his review of the band's legal bills suggests that the "Beastie Boys

opted to pay for, and received, the Cadillac Escalade, not the Honda Civic" of legal representation.

He said his attorney fee award fell short of the \$2.4 million sought from Monster, but was still enough for the band to come out ahead by more than \$532,000 above its reasonable costs.

Last June, the Beastie Boys won their verdict from a federal jury weighing the value of five songs used by Monster without authorization in a video.

Engelmayer wrote that the lawsuit brought by two surviving Beastie Boys and the wife of deceased band member Adam "MCA" Yauch re-

sulted in a hard-fought legal match.

"Monster's commercial exploitation of the band's music and songs, and what the Beastie Boys perceived as Monster's crass misappropriation of the name of the recently deceased Yauch in its video promoting its energy drinks, appeared to have deeply offended plaintiffs."

Yauch died of cancer in May 2012 at age 47. The judge said Beastie Boys' band members Adam Horowitz and Michael Diamond approached the case "with special zeal," testifying that as a matter of principle they have not licensed their music for product advertisements and would have turned down Monster if it had asked for permission.

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## DATE NIGHT

### Harry Styles and yet another model

## IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar

Ah, to be young, rich, famous and affably floppy-haired. Must be nice. Though Harry Styles spent much of the first half of this year romantically linked —by anonymous sources, at least —to Victoria's Secret model Nadine Leopold, he's

apparently now more interested in one of her colleagues. Fellow model Sara Sampaio (pictured) joined Styles for a dinner date in New York recently that allegedly turned into a slumber party. "She came over to his hotel. They grabbed dinner. Hugged and kissed goodbye," a remarkably Hemingway-esque source tells E! News.

"Then she came back and slept over. She left at 11 a.m. in the same clothes." Maybe she just really, really liked that outfit?



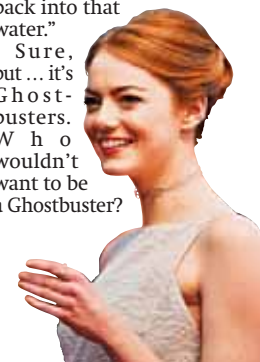
## GHOSTBUSTERS

### Who you gonna call? Not Emma

Emma Stone confesses to WSJ Magazine that she passed up the chance to be on the new all-female Ghostbusters team led by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy. Excuse me?

"The script was really funny. It just didn't feel like the right time for me. A franchise is a big commitment — it's a whole thing," she says. "I think maybe I need a minute before I dive back into that water."

Sure, but ... it's Ghostbusters. Who wouldn't want to be a Ghostbuster?



## JAMES BOND

### All bets appear to be on Damian Lewis

Man, Daniel Craig must be getting tired of everyone always talking about when he's going to be done with playing James Bond.

First there was all that Idris Elba talk, now this: A British bookmaker says the best odds at the moment are on Homeland star Damian Lewis being tapped as the next 007, according to the Telegraph.

"Bets have been placed on him succeeding Daniel Craig. This is an unprecedented gamble, as for no apparent reason we have seen bets up to £200 on Damian Lewis being named as the next James Bond. This might well be significant," William Hill tells the newspaper.

"Damian Lewis hadn't seen interest in the betting until this weekend, but an absolute landslide in has forced us to cut the odds."



Damian Lewis

Sure, but if he gets the part does that mean all the films will be about whether or not we can really trust him?

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## What they're asking



Semi-detached, single-attached, half-duplex, side-by-side — two homes joined by a wall down the middle are known by different names across Canada. Here's a look at three-bedroom, resale semis that make great starter homes. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



**\$299,900**

### Halifax

This is a one-owner, well-maintained, single-attached home at 52 Stratford Way, north of downtown Halifax. Built by a reputable developer, the house features bright, open rooms, a spacious eat-in kitchen, a large deck and backyard. There are hardwood floors in the living and dining rooms, a powder room on the main level, and the master bedroom has a three-piece ensuite. The lower level has a recreation room, laundry, and a garage with a small work area. The deep driveway has room for two cars. Listing agent is Sandy Rutledge from Domus Realty, 902-497-5500.



**\$1,448,000**

### Vancouver

Here's a high-quality house in Central Lonsdale, North Vancouver's hot spot, with new stores and restaurants, quaint coffee shops and other amenities within walking distance. The home offers a spacious, open floor plan, with soaring ceilings, a large kitchen, and a family room that opens out to a deck and fenced private yard. A school is around the corner, as well as parks and playgrounds. Listing agents Paula Vendargon (604-626-1649) and Colin Vendargon (604-984-9711) are associates with Royal LePage Sussex Real Estate.



**\$599,000**

### Toronto

This west-end home boasts many upgrades, such as a custom-designed kitchen with granite countertops, hardwood floors and crown moldings. There's also two new bathrooms, a new gas furnace, thermal windows, a stainless-steel fridge, stove, built-in dishwasher, finished basement with in-law suite with a separate entrance, laundry room and double-car garage. The house is close to transit, schools and parks. John Marques is a salesperson with Re/Max Ultimate Realty Brokerage, 416-656-3500.



**\$219,900**

### Winnipeg

Here's a bright and sunny home on a quiet street in Windsor Park. The pie-shaped lot offers a large, fenced-in backyard, with access to a rear pathway and a large storage shed. In a convenient location for getting around the city, the house includes a fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer and dryer, and a finished basement with a rec room. Listing agent Blair Holm says the house has been well maintained by current and previous owners. Holm is an associate with Sutton Group Kilkenny Real Estate, 204-475-9130.



**\$399,000**

### Ottawa

Here's a fully renovated, semi-detached home in the trendy downtown neighbourhood of Hintonburg. The house is just one block away from great shops on Wellington Street, and a five-minute walk to rapid transit. Recent updates include a gas furnace, new windows, doors, and flooring, as well as the main roof. This home would be a good opportunity for first-time buyers to move into this hipster 'hood, says Kerry Milican, sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-290-2990.



**\$329,900**

### Edmonton

Here's a turnkey, move-in ready home in a family-oriented community. It's on a quiet street next to walking trails and with close access to schools, shopping, and the new Meadows Recreation Centre. The house features many upgrades, include new carpet, wide laminate flooring, new blinds throughout, granite countertops, and a new upstairs bathroom. There's a south-facing backyard with a deck and a double garage. Beverley Hasinoff is a sales representative with Liv Real Estate, 780-619-0812.



# Stylish outdoor gifts for Dad

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



From gardening to cooking to entertaining,

Dads love to take part in the great outdoors (or at least the backyard). Here's a roundup of stylish he-gifts that will make him want to stay outside the rest of the summer!

DAD'S DAY

Father's Day is this Sunday!

## 1 Bollard Oil Lamp

Add nautical flair to the deco or dock and light Dad's path to style. \$150, DWR.com

## 2 Palram Plant Inn

Paint Dad's thumb green with a mini greenhouse and garden storage unit. \$298, Walmart.ca

## 3 The Canadian Collection Stainless Steel Retro Mini Cooler

Keep his favourite bevies by his side and cool. \$70, TheBay.com

## 4 Thermashell Pro Kamado Turquoise Grill

Give him the thrill of the grill this year with the most stylish one on the market. \$2,900, Frontgate.com

## 5 Pizzacraft PizzaQue Propane Pizza Oven

Bravo Papa; perfect pizza at home! \$300, CanadianTire.ca

## 6 Adventure Wagon

From the gardening centre to the grocery store; it folds up and hides in the trunk until needed. \$200, Williams-Sonoma.com



**Mulch that is low maintenance, saves moisture and smothers weeds surrounds a downsized lawn in Langley, Wash.**

DEAN FOSDICK/  
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OUTDOORS

## Smarter gardening cuts time-sucking routines

Too many plants, too little time? A lot of unnecessary effort can be weeded out with some time- and energy-saving shortcuts, from plant selection to better tools.

"I realized one day that I was becoming a slave to my plants," said Kerry Ann Mendez of Kennebunk, Maine, author of *The Right-Size Flower Garden*. "I was working harder for them than they were working for me."

Plants are not your children or pets, she said. "If they're not performing up to your standards — if they take too much

time and effort — don't make any excuses for them. Tear them out. Take them away."

Here are ways to garden smarter:

- Use native plants. With natives, you don't need to water and there's no fertilizing, Mendez said. Little or no hand-holding is required, and they're important for bio needs, like attracting pollinators.
- Mulch. "People are doing more with mulch," Mendez said, "especially multi-purposing, nutrient-rich mulches that can energize plants while reducing water evaporation from

the soil. Ground covers also help by discouraging weeds and providing a tapestry of foliage and flowers."

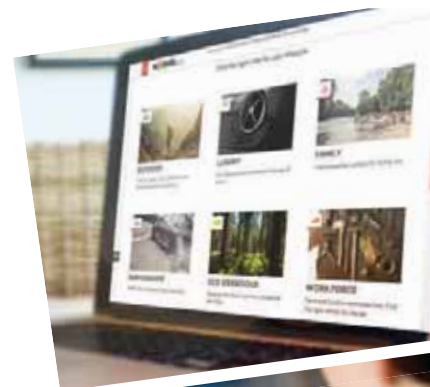
- Plant shrubs and ornamental trees. "Woody plants require much less maintenance than perennials," Mendez said.
- Downsize. "Eliminate some of that mowing and weeding," said Brooke Edmunds, an Oregon State University extension horticulturist. "Plant using lawn mixes that work even if they're not as frequently mowed. Use perennials more than annuals."

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## IN BRIEF

### GM takes blame for Red Sox's subpar performance

Boston Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington said he deserves most of the blame with his club struggling for the second straight year.

Entering Wednesday, Boston is 99-129 since winning the 2013 World Series under manager John Farrell. "I'm more responsible than anyone else for that," Cherington said, "so I have to find a way to make that better."

The Red Sox, in last place in the AL East for the second straight season, entered Wednesday 10 games under .500 and eight games behind division-leading Tampa Bay.

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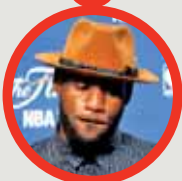
### Champs touch back down in Golden State

The Golden State Warriors are back in the Bay Area as NBA champions for the first time in 40 years.

With more than 100 team employees in yellow and blue shirts cheering them outside a private terminal, the Warriors were welcomed back to Oakland on Wednesday with the Larry O'Brien Trophy in hand. The team spent Tuesday night in Cleveland after beating LeBron James and the Cavaliers 105-97 in the Game 6 clincher.

Regular-season MVP Stephen Curry came off the plane first, lifting the gold title trophy as he walked down the stairs, followed by NBA Finals MVP Andre Iguodala.

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**If I could have gave more, I would have done it, but I gave everything I had.**

LeBron James after Tuesday night's loss in Cleveland. James finished with 32 points, 18 rebounds and nine assists in Game 6.

# Cards lawyer says higher ups not involved in hacking

SCANDAL IN ST. LOUIS

## Team execs say they're co-operating with investigation

High-level executives of the St. Louis Cardinals were not involved in the hacking of the Houston Astros' player personnel database, an attorney hired by the team said Wednesday, citing an internal review.

The Cardinals said they retained the Dowd Bennett firm for a review several months be-

## GROUND CONTROL

The hack was first reported in June 2014 after trade talk was published online. The Astros rely heavily on analytics in evaluating players and use an online database called Ground Control to house proprietary information. Jeff Luhnow, who headed the Cardinals' scout-

ing and player development department, was hired as the Astros GM in December 2011 helping turn the team into an AL contender.

Luhnow said last year the Astros were working with the FBI and MLB security to determine who was responsible for the breach.

fore this week's disclosure that the FBI is investigating whether the team hacked into the Astros' computer system that is used to track players and prospects.

"With what we have done so far, I am 100 per cent confident that this does not touch upper

management and does not involve people like John Mozeliak and Bill DeWitt," Jim Martin, an attorney for the firm said. Mozeliak is the Cardinals' general manager and DeWitt is the team chairman.

Martin said he was retained

in February.

The FBI has declined to confirm it is investigating the Cardinals, but a person familiar with the investigation told the AP that federal authorities are investigating whether members of the team were to blame for what

Major League Baseball called a "breach" of the Astros database. There has been no indication of how many employees might be under investigation and Martin's comments were the first to suggest that any wrongdoing could be limited to the lower levels of the Cardinals organization.

The internal investigation is not finished.

"We are committed to getting to the bottom of this matter as soon as possible," DeWitt said. "And if anyone within our organization is determined to be involved in anything inappropriate, they will be held accountable."

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### WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FRANCE FROLICS PAST MEXICO

France's Wendie Renard celebrates scoring against Mexico during Wednesday's Women's World Cup match at Lansdowne Stadium in Ottawa. Marie Delie scored off a header 34th seconds in, the second-fastest goal in the history of the Women's World Cup, and France routed Mexico 5-0 to win Group F on goal difference over England, which beat Colombia 2-1 in Montreal. Coming off a 2-0 loss to Colombia, France (2-1) scored three times in the first 13 minutes. The only Women's World Cup goal faster than Delie's following the opening kickoff was by Sweden's Lena Videkull against Japan in 1991. France will play the second-place team from Group E on Sunday in the round of 16. Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Wednesday's late games.

NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## Canada to face Switzerland in knockout phase

Canada will meet Switzerland in the round of 16 at the Women's World Cup.

A tournament official confirmed the matchup Wednesday, the last day of pool play at the 24-country tournament.

As Group A winner, Canada meets the third-place finisher from Group C, D, or E on Sunday at B.C. Place Stadium.

That makes for 15 permutations but with the Netherlands, in Group A, and Switzerland, in Group C, guaranteed to be two of the four third-place finishers moving on, that reduces the number of permutations to six.

And in every one of those cases, Canada faces Switzerland.

The Swiss (1-2-0) are ranked 19th in the world, compared to

No. 8 for Canada (1-0-2).

The Canadian women have played Switzerland four times, with three victories and one draw. Their last meeting was a 2-0 win for Canada at the 2013 Cyprus Cup.

It's Switzerland's first trip to the World Cup. Coach Martina Voss-Teckleburg's team lost 1-0 to Japan and 2-1 to Cameroon but

thumped Ecuador 10-1.

The Canada-Switzerland winner will meet England or Norway in the quarter-finals.

The Dutch (four points, zero goal differential) and Swiss (three points, plus-seven) are guaranteed of going through because their numbers are better than the third-place finishers in Group B (Thailand, three points, minus-

seven) and Group D (Sweden, three points, zero).

The top four third-place finishers from the six groups advance, along with the group winners and runners-up.

The 2015 tournament, expanded to 24 teams from 16, marks only the second time that Canada has advanced out of the group stage.

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## RECIPE Thai Coleslaw



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This bright and sweet coleslaw will be the hit of your next summer celebration. Makes eight servings.

## Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes

## Ingredients

- 3 cups thinly sliced green cabbage
- 3 cups thinly sliced red cabbage
- 1 cup sliced snow peas
- 1 cup sliced sweet red peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/3 cup light coconut milk
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh coriander

- 2 tsp fish or oyster sauce
- 2 tsp packed brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce

## Directions

1. In a large bowl, stir together cabbages, snow peas, red peppers, green onions, cranberries and apricots.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together coconut milk, coriander, fish sauce, brown sugar, lemon juice, garlic, ginger, and hot pepper sauce. Pour over cabbage mixture; toss to coat.

## Nutrition per serving

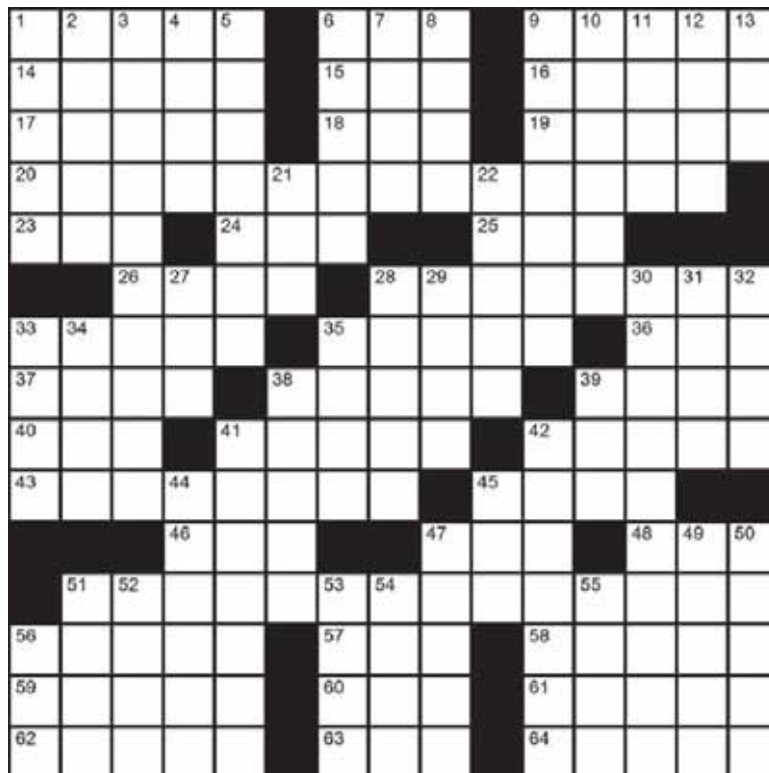
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. "\_\_\_ Street" by Gerry Rafferty  
6. Get weaponry  
9. Permitted in law  
14. Sainte-\_\_\_, Quebec  
15. James or Hudson  
16. "Bust \_\_\_" by Young MC  
17. They form rooms  
18. Disposed  
19. Up an auction offer  
20. Survive as a prepper would: 4 wds.  
23. Mister, in India  
24. Illuminated  
25. Cartoonist Mr. Smythe  
26. Church area  
28. Since-1859 village in the Cariboo Mountains area of British Columbia  
33. Pool buildup  
35. Face, as an embankment  
36. Mr. Marvin of films  
37. Baltic country, for short  
38. Dominated  
39. Volcanic flow  
40. Horoscope sign  
41. Drive  
42. Orbital point  
43. Liquid dish soap brand  
45. Fit  
46. Keats specialty  
47. Lady's pro-



- noun  
48. Can. leaders  
51. Burton Cummings song: 5 wds.  
56. Highway crossing animal  
57. \_\_\_-hat  
58. Neutral paint colour

59. Does some gardening  
60. And not  
61. "There is a house \_\_\_ Orleans / They call the Rising Sun..."  
62. Hagar the Horrible's dog  
63. Ms. Leoni

64. Shelters for pigeons

## DOWN

1. Has a really good cry  
2. Irish tune: "Robin \_\_\_"  
3. Saskatchewan town dubbed

- 'Canada's Hockey Factory'  
4. Australian model Ms. Macpherson  
5. Settle a dispute  
6. Rearward, on the ocean  
7. Captivated  
8. Ancient tale

9. Most big  
10. Surface  
11. Desert in Mongolia  
12. Enthusiastic  
13. Headed  
21. Giant's cry!  
22. Miscalculated  
27. "Fan-tast-ic!"  
28. Bound-to-the-land person of ancient Sparta  
29. Ended  
30. Canadian police series of 2008 to 2012  
31. Matthew the Apostle  
32. 'For' votes  
33. '\_\_\_ fair in love and war'  
34. In \_\_\_ of (Replacing)  
35. Baseball legend Babe  
38. Vancouver-born actor Seth  
39. CD predecessors  
41. Region of The States  
42. Like a class workout in a gym  
44. Not as tight  
45. Fulfilled  
47. Multi-headed beast of myth  
49. "Me and Bobby \_\_\_" by Janis Joplin  
50. Distorts  
51. Groan  
52. Oxen harness  
53. Will antonym  
54. Succulent plant  
55. City in Nevada  
56. "\_\_\_, Doubt-fire" (1993)

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Information that could be worth a lot of money will come your way today. You may be tempted to pass on what you learn to your friends but if you are smart you will keep it to yourself. Knowledge is power — and profit too.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
In just a few days your view of the world will change for the better and your current negative attitude will fade away. Focus on the many good things in your life rather than the few things that have gone wrong.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Recent cosmic activity has tested you to the limit and because you've been on the go from morning to night you may now be exhausted. If so, take the next few days off. The universe can go on without you for a bit.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Look back over the previous year and decide which of your ambitions to leave in the past and which you can take with you into the future. Dream, but be ruthlessly realistic as well.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Make the most of the good things that happen today and tomorrow because over the weekend the atmosphere will change and you may not be quite so happy. A time for thinking rather than doing is approaching.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
What is most important in your life? The money you make? The status you enjoy? Those things may be important in the short-term but over the course of a lifetime it's the love you give that makes all the difference. What will you give today?

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
The sun's stay in the adventurous area of your chart ends at the weekend, so make the next few days a time of discovery. Not that you won't be able to discover things after but you will have responsibilities to deal with.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You may not like what you have to do now but the sooner you get it done the sooner you can move on. The sun's entry into your fellow water sign of Cancer on Sunday marks a turning point in your fortunes.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Try not to take it personally if people do not agree with your point of view. If they get the impression you're thin-skinned they will focus on it. Be bold in your own beliefs and accepting of alternative points of view.

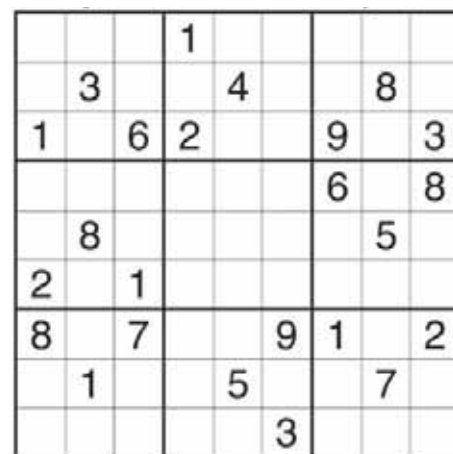
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You have covered a lot of ground in recent weeks and you will cover a lot more in the months to come. For best results though you need to stop being such a loner and join with those who share your interests.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
So many good things have happened of late that you may believe you'll be lucky forever. Know from past experience that is unlikely to be true. Life moves in cycles, so enjoy the highs but look out for the next low.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Act decisively today. Make sure that what has been started finally gets finished. Problems of a purely personal nature have taken up too much of your time and energy in recent weeks, so resolve them and move on.

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